

**CITY OF BOULDER
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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING
MINUTES**

Name of Board/ Commission: Transportation Advisory Board	
Date of Meeting: July 11, 2016	
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Board Members Present: , Bill Rigler, Chair; Dom Nozzi, Anna Reid, Jennifer Nicoll, Zane Selvans	
Board Members Absent:	
Staff Present: Michael Gardner-Sweeney, Director of Public Works for Transportation Bill Cowern, Acting Principal Traffic Engineer Shannon Young, Transportation Engineer Gerrit Slatter, Principal Transportation Projects Engineer Melanie Sloan, Transportation Planner Bryant Gonsalves, Transportation Project Engineer Meredith Schleske, Board Secretary	
Type of Meeting: Advisory/ Regular	
Agenda Item 1: Call to Order	[6:00 p.m.]
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.	
Agenda Item 2: Approval of minutes from May 2016	[6:06 p.m.]
Move to approve minutes with correction of listing Bill Rigler as Chair.	
Motion: Nozzi Second: Reid	
5:0:0 Motion Passes	
Agenda Item 3: Public Participation	[6:07 p.m.]
Following a moment of silence in memory of Bill Davis, the following speakers made comments:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Malley – Safe Streets – distributed questions and comments, has been a resident 26 years over which he deems safety to have decreased from A to B-. • Steve Watts – Safe Streets – executive director of the Boulder Mountainbike Alliance (BMA). They are currently developing regional trails to get bikes off streets. BMA focuses on education, building community and solving issues. There are many biking organizations, providing an opportunity for input. Hopes TAB reaches out to them. • David Robinson – Safety – walks five miles per day, much on multi-use paths but crossing streets is dangerous for disabled pedestrians, although Boulder drivers generally yield. Winter storms are difficult as crosswalks are not always cleared. Be mindful of disabled population needs. • Peter Richards – longtime Boulderite. He recently received a warning from NOAA regarding safety concerns turning into NIST. • Eric Budd pooled time with Chris and with Chelsea Rogers. He is a community advocate and encourages communication. There has been a 7.7% increase in multimodal collisions over 2015; Boulder needs to take steps. Suggested considerations include road design, signaling, Jay Road, Folsom and Canyon, dedicated crossing signals, turning radius and a vulnerable user law. Many crashes are preventable. • Scott Hatfield – 60% of motorists are interested in biking but don't trust traffic, creating a large impact to our carbon budget. Denver has implemented a crash dashboard and crash analysis and outlawed cycling on sidewalks. • Michele Moffat – has three young children who ride bikes to school but there are a lot of places they cannot go. Encourages more protected bike lanes so her children learn they can ride on streets. Suggestions include more laws for the vulnerable community, distracted driving and impaired drivers. Create a dedicated office to which violations may be reported. • Sandy Morrissey – moved here for cycling, 15-year old daughter is now riding on Hwy. 36 and other busy routes. No information regarding motorist-cyclist safety is given with issue of Colorado driver's license. Boulder is the most educated community in the country – we should form a think tank and education should be provided through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). • John Mansell – representing Rally Sport and the larger cycling community. Feels endangered, will forward suggestions. Wife Rhonda Mansell read a statement from Bill Davis' wife addressing cyclists' safety and intoxicated drivers. • Don McIntosh – new to Boulder, supports Bill Davis and friends. Concern re Jay Road, familiar with traffic engineering, now feels safer cycling in Chicago. 	

- Elizabeth Rowley – resident since 2000. TAB should think about communications, issues, Folsom Living Labs, infrastructure and cohesion, North-South cycling route, safety on 28th Street, message that riding on sidewalks sends, vulnerable user and traffic laws, enforcement.
- Tila Duhaine pooled time with Ann Haebig – thanked TAB for reaching out, worked in New York City on traffic safety. Supports Vision Zero for no transportation fatalities. Cyclists and pedestrians are hurt more than their share, mostly due to speed and distraction. Focus on current tools, demand implementation, need protected lanes, speed control. Summary: Consider the cost of mistakes on our streets; the community is willing to slow down to save lives; change is hard but we can do it.
- Dan Miller – 15-year resident, cycles around foothills. Awareness via more signage, three-foot law, “share the road” signage. Mowing operations force bikes into roadways – a sweeper should follow.
- Gary Sprung – some have accused the city of war on cars; more like cars war on people but speedy traffic is a priority. Example: Broadway and Linden during a snow event – lights change to flashing yellow with no crosswalk signals.
- Robert Kiser – 40-year resident, hyper concerned bike commuter, terrified on street at this time. Recounted his March 14th collision with a car, sustained concussion and broken bones, driver pled careless driving charge down to defective vehicle with a minimal fine. Please think about speed limit.
- Scott Fliegelman – 20-year, thanked TAB. Introduced road riding to many new cyclists through his sport training company. Flashing lights should be standard equipment for cyclists.

Also signing in in support of further safety efforts were Martin Nuss, Beth Servaites and Frank Smith.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion of Boulder’s efforts making Boulder’s street safer through the Safe Street’s Boulder Report (Cowern) [6:55 p.m.]

Bill Cowern was joined by Shannon Young and David “DK” Kemp, authors of the Safe Streets Boulder report, updated May 2016 and available at www.bouldercolorado.gov.

Board discussion: [7:05 p.m.]

- Question regarding the differences in how pedestrians and cyclists use crosswalks.
- Question regarding traffic engineering tools available and how TAB can help with implementation.
- Observation that the most effective way to slow traffic is to narrow the roadway and that best practices in design standards are issued by many organizations.
- Discussion of standards, road width, design specifications, City of Boulder usage and types of roads (city, county, state).
- Questions regarding cell phone usage, police training and jurisdictions.
- Suggestions to review actual collision citations and whether they are appropriate to the situation, DMV and court processes, funding to narrow streets.
- Observation that there is safety in numbers and compliance increases substantially with more users in crosswalks.
- Statement that TAB is committed to pursue safety.

Agenda Item 5: Staff briefing and TAB input regarding the Boulder Creek/Arapahoe/13th Underpass project (Sloan) [7:39 p.m.]

Melanie Sloan and Bryant Gonsalves reviewed the project process to date, defined the scope and presented two (2) design options. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and TAB input will be solicited followed by a recommendation on the CEAP process. If approved, a PRAB/TAB joint meeting will be scheduled.

Board feedback:

- Questions regarding the length of the underpass and path route around the bandshell.
- Discussion regarding options for North-South bike travel.
- Request to consider other options to awkward crossing at 13th Street.
- Request for TAB site visit.
- Encouragement to delineate bike corridors separately from pedestrian walkways and clarity at crossings.

Agenda Item 6: Matters [8:30 p.m.]

A. Matters from the Board

- Updates re: collaboration with other city boards – there is a joint board workshop 8/29/2016 regarding the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP). It was questioned whether during the CEAP process is the right time to be talking with PRAB or if there should be a preliminary concept meeting. Staff will explore.

- Debrief from TAB Retreat
 - Suggestion that TAB should operationalize in various areas including a redesign of the TAB website, recognizing that there are City constraints. Add clarity on TAB's purpose.
 - Comment that the meeting notes are disappointing and should better reflect the work accomplished.
 - Comment that tonight's outreach was a good step towards community engagement.
 - A suggestion to pursue venues for TAB meetings in the community that are pertinent to that area. Suggestion to cover each quadrant over next nine months and potentially conduct the August 8th meeting along the east Arapahoe corridor.
 - Suggestion to invite the East Arapahoe Working Group to the August 8th TAB meeting.
 - Expression of a desire to continue to pursue advocacy via op-eds and other outreach vehicles.

B. Matters from the Staff/ Non-Agenda

[8:58 p.m.]

- Living Lab Phase II Update
- RTD/Regional studies update (Gardner-Sweeney)
- Other matters - TAB meetings scheduled downtown will be moved to the 1777 West Conference Room on first floor.

Agenda Item 7: Future Schedule Discussion

[8:58 p.m.]

Agenda Item 8: Adjournment

[8:59 p.m.]

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, by motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Motion: moved to adjourn: Nozzi Seconded by: Selvans

Motion passes 5:0

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be a regular meeting on Monday, 8 August 2016 in the 1777 West Conference Room, 1st floor of the Municipal Building, at 6 p.m.; unless otherwise decided by staff and the Board.

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED:

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Date

Date

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